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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 804 (Birkholz)

SB 804 changes current law to state that county road commissions “shall” accept bonds as opposed to current language which states that commissions “may” accept bonds for required improvements. Under the new bill, the county road commission would require a company doing road repairs to make a deposit to ensure that their work obligations are fulfilled.

Support: Michigan Association of Realtors.

Oppose: Michigan Road Builders.

- SB 804 passed [RC 107: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 829 (Sanborn)

SB 829 would add 1 circuit court judgeship in Macomb County as recommended by the State Court Administrative Office.

- SB 829 passed [RC 103: 32 yes, 5 no].

SB 839 (Jelinek)

SB 839 would allow the conveyance of state property (now under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Police) to New Buffalo Township, Berrien County for \$1. [Two parcels of property at the site of the former New Buffalo State Police post were conveyed from the Department of State Police to New Buffalo Township in 1998. However, a third and final parcel was unintentionally omitted.] This bill would authorize the final parcel to be conveyed for \$1, the same amount contained in the original conveyance. The property is currently being used as a public safety facility by New Buffalo Township. The property would be required to be used exclusively for public purposes.

Support: Department of Management and Budget, Department of State Police.

- SB 839 passed [RC 105: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 874 (Bishop)

SB 874 assures that if the Department of Community Health ever sells the Fairlawn Center Campus that the first right of refusal shall go to the school district of Pontiac. If the school purchases the property, but conveys the property within three years for a purpose other than education, the school district shall pay the state 50% of the net profit. If the school district does not want the property, the DMB director shall arrange for the sale of the property.

- SB 874 passed [RC 106: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 885 (Brown)

The school aid budget includes \$3.3 million for Parental Involvement in Education grants. These funds go to intermediate school districts to provide programs for parents with preschool children. The appropriation is down significantly from earlier years. The reporting requirements for grant recipients include data collection and an evaluation tool approved by the Department of Education. The evaluation tool represents a significant cost and diminishes the funds available for actual programming. SB 885 maintains the data collection requirement but removes the evaluation tool requirement.

- SB 885 passed [RC 104: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4178 (Shackleton)

HB 4178 would provide much needed income to public safety officer survivors who often lose their main source of income and their health insurance at the same time they are forced to pay funeral expenses. If a public safety officer dies or is permanently and totally disabled from an injury sustained in the line of duty, the state would be required to pay a benefit of \$25,000 to the surviving spouse, his or her dependents, or the estate of the deceased. If the public safety officer is permanently and totally disabled, the benefits could be paid to the spouse, dependents, or the entity providing care to the officer. With an average of 5 public safety officers lost in Michigan each year, the bill would result in an annual increase in state costs of \$125,000. Based on historical figures, annual costs could fluctuate from \$50,000 to \$225,000.

- HB 4178 passed with IE [RC 102: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

HB 4706 (Vander Veen)

HB 4755 (Vander Veen)

HB 4706 would regulate a patient's access to his or her medical records. Under the bill, a patient would have the right to obtain his or her medical record.

House Bill 4755 would include a violation of the proposed provisions created by HB 4706 among grounds for administrative sanction; and to require a health facility or agency to comply with the new law.

Support: Center for Civil Justice, MI Poverty Law Program, MI Chiropractic Society, MI Protection and Advocacy Services, MI Advocacy Project, MI Health and Hospital Assn., Western Michigan Legal Services, MI AARP, Planned Parenthood

HB 4706:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- Hammerstrom 1A (2 amends) was adopted [no RC].

- HB 4706 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4755:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4706 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 5434 (Taub)

HB 5440 (Emmons)

Since June 2003, The Michigan Department of Treasury requires large (over 200) filers such as tax preparers to file electronically. House Bill 5434 and House Bill 5440 bills remove that requirement (for this tax year only). Therefore, tax preparers cannot be required to e-file for their clients. Passage of this bill will cost the state additional resources, since it will be more difficult for them to process additional non-electronic tax returns.

HB 5434 deals with the state Income Tax.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated on 3rd Reading [RC 99: 15 yes, 22 no]. This would have required the Legislature to first appropriate \$2.7 million to the Dept. of Treasury, so that they (Treasury) can pay the added costs of processing the extra non-electronic tax returns which would result from passage of this bill.
- HB 5434 initially passed [RC 100: 23 yes, 14 no]. Immediate Effect was defeated [no RC]. Later in session, the vote passing the bill was reconsidered [no RC] and the bill moved back to Third Reading. Therefore, the bill has not received “final” passage.

HB 5440 deals with the state Single Business Tax.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated on 3rd Reading [RC 101: 14 yes, 22 no]. This would have required the Legislature to first appropriate \$2.7 million to the Dept. of Treasury, so that they (Treasury) can pay the added costs of processing the extra non-electronic tax returns which would result from passage of this bill.